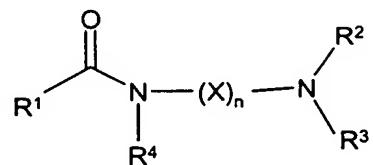


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Aromatic and heteroaromatic amides of the formula



5 where R¹, R² and R³ can be alkyl, X is alkylene, and R⁴ is an unsubstituted or substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group such as naphthyl or fluorenyl, are CNS agents useful for treating pain, depression, anxiety, seizures, and schizophrenia.